

Amendments to the specification:

Please cancel the title, and add the following new title:

COMMUNICATIONS DEVICE AND METHOD FOR IDENTIFYING AND
PREFERENTIALLY RECEIVING RESPONSE DATA

Please amend the paragraph on page 21, line 21 to page 22, line 2 as follows:

The disposition verification control unit 14, for example, makes a request for a disposition verification response based on the MDN (Message Disposition Notification) function ("REQUEST FOR MDN" in FIG. 3) and manages incoming disposition verification responses. The unit 14 controls by means of header information added by the e-mail message composing unit 7.

Please amend the paragraph at page 23, lines 3-8 as follows:

First, the facsimile document data to be transmitted is encoded by the encoding/decoding control unit 10. The facsimile document data is converted into a TIFF (Tagged Image Life Format) file format by the e-mail message composing unit 7, and then converted into an e-mail message format by adding header information ("(a) HEADER" in FIG. 3).

Please amend the paragraph on page 31, lines 7-9 as follows:

Then, when the receipt process S23 ends, the terminal machine 21 disconnects from the mail server machine 22 to end the operation (S24).

Please amend the paragraph at page 34, last line to page 35, line 9 as follows:

Further explaining the predetermined value α , there is no output for an attachment ("(c) ATTACHMENT" in FIG. 3) to a MDN reply message; therefore, securing empty space indicated by the predetermined value α in the first place makes it possible to continuously implement a process on the e-mail messages already received and another process on a next incoming message. For convenience in data processing, the predetermined value α may be $\alpha \times A$ where A is the number of responses to disposition verification requests which are currently expected.